Survey for railway line from Lanjigarh to Junagarh

2543. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey was conducted to lay a Railway line from Lanjigarh Road to Junagarh and its further extension upto Ambaguda (Jeypore) in the South Eastern Railway Zone;

(b) if so, whether any economic feasibility assessment was made, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Planning Commission was consulted in this matter and if so, what is their opinion on this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rate of return with Alumina Plant will be 15.4%.

(c) The Planning Commission had approved the proposal subject to issue of letter of intent for the proposed Alumina Plant at Bhawanipatna.

Begging at Old Delhi Railway Station

2544. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the begging nuisance at the old Delhi Railway Station; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposed to take to check the entry of beggars on the platforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Begging in station premises and in trains is a punishable offence under the Railway Act. Besides routine checks to prevent entry of beggars in station premises of old Delhi Railway Station, surprise checks are conducted jointly by Railway Station Staff, Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police personnel to apprehend and prosecute beggars. During January, 92 to November, 92, 635 beggars were apprehended at old Delhi Railway Station and were dealt with in accordance with the Law.

B. G. Line from Kolayat to Phalodi

2545. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in order to inter connect Western Rajasthan as a B. G. circuit and to open up the Desert-Area as well as the I.G.N.P. Command Area; it is essential that the Bikaner-Kolayat line should be extended upto Phalodi by construction of a new B. G. line from Kolayat to Phalodi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in this direction and whether such proposal is likely to be taken up during the year 1992-93 or during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) While Government appreciates that a connection for Kolayat to Phalodi would open up the desert area to the I.G.N.P. command area, constraint of resources precludes consideration of this new line proposal for the present.

Secret ballot of Railway workforce to decide All India strike

2546. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in the Economic Times dated 17th November, 1992 to the effect that ten lakh employees of the fifteen lakh Indian Railway workforce would participate in a secret ballot next month to decide for an all India strike to press for their long standing demands; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avert this strike ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Strike Ballot does not necessarily result in a strike. Nonetheless, continuous dialouge with the recognised Federations, both formally and informally through meetings discussions is always held with a view to resolve issues/demands. In this case also, the Federation has been advised of the position on their demands.

2547. [Transferred to 14th December 1992]

रेलगाड़ियों में खान-पान सेवा को समाप्त किया जाना

2548. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसी रेलगाड़ियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें गत दो वर्षों के दौरान खान-पान सेवाओं को समाप्त किया गया है और ऐसी रेलगाड़ियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें इसी अवधि के दौरान यह सुविधा प्रदान की गई है; और

(ख) उन पार्टियों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें इस सेवा के संचालन का ठेका दिया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Sanitary conditions at Old Delhi Railway Station

2549. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the bad sanitary conditions at the old Delhi Railway Station, posing a health hazard; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The sanitary conditions at old Delhi Railway Station are generally satisfactory. Following steps have been taken to further improve the sanitation at this station :

(i) A large number of safaiwalas have been deployed for round the clock cleaning. Duty list of safaiwalas has been reveiwed so that individual responsibility can be fixed.

(ii) Suitable dustbins have been provided on the platforms.

(iii) Periodical checks are conducted by a task force team to monitor the cleanliness in the station premises.

(iv) Drainage and aprons of the platform lines have been improved.

(v) Platform lines are sprayed with disinfectants regularly.

रेलवे द्वारा फेरीवालों को लाइसेंस जारी करना

2550. श्री गया सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लगभग दस लाख फेरीवाले रेलवे स्टेशनों, प्लेट फार्मों और गाड़ियों में खाने-पीने की वस्तुएं बेचकर अपनी आजीविका कमा रहे हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि यदि रेल मंत्रालय इन सभी फेरीवालों को खाने-पीने की वस्तुएं बेचने के लिए लाइसेंस शुल्क वसूल कर लाइसेंस जारी करें तो रेलवे को प्रतिमाह करोड़ों रुपये की आमदनी हो सकती है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) अनधिकृत फेरीवालों के कुछ मामले नोटिस में आए हैं, इस तरह के फेरी वालों की संख्या के बारे में आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते ।